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Red Line Passengers Who Use Shady Grove and Rockville Stations Are Urged to Seek Alternatives. Get the Update!

Visit MCDOT at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dir/safetrack/index.html> or WMATA at <http://www.wmata.com>

Montgomery County Senior Property Tax Deferral Program Informational Session!

**Tuesday, August 23 12:00n-2:00pm
Upcounty Regional Services Center (Meeting Room A)
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown**

This new program was enacted by Expedited Bill 10-16, and is effective beginning July 1, 2016.

This program began on July 1, 2016, and applications are available in printed form at the Division of Treasury (255 Rockville Pike, Suite L-15, Rockville, MD 20850). To open an electronic version of the Application, click [here](#). For instructions on how to fill out the Application, click [here](#). Click [here](#) to open a copy of the Tax Deferral and Lien Agreement, which must accompany each application. Click [here](#) for instructions to complete the Tax Deferral and Lien Agreement.

For more details, visit <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/finance/seniordeferral.html>

Attention Homeowners!

Maryland and Montgomery County Property Tax Reduction Programs

You may be eligible for a Montgomery County Property Tax Credit

Learn more if you:

- Have a limited income
- Are a senior homeowner (at least age 65)

The availability of the Homeowners' Tax Credit Program is for homeowners of all ages, including owners of townhouses and condominiums. If you have any further questions, or if you want to know how the program applies to you, call the Tax Credits Telephone Service at 410-767-4433 or 1-800-944-7403 (toll free in Maryland).



Montgomery County Recreation Indoor Aquatic Centers to Close for Annual Maintenance

Montgomery County Recreation's indoor aquatic facilities will be closing on a staggered schedule for annual maintenance work.

The Olney Swim Center, located at 16605 Georgia Avenue, will be closed for annual cleaning and maintenance Monday, August 15 through Sunday, August 28.

The Germantown Indoor Swim Center, located at 18000 Central Park Circle, Boyds, will be closed for annual cleaning and maintenance Saturday, August 20 through Monday, September 5.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Indoor Swim Center, located at 1201 Jackson Road, Silver Spring and the Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center, located at 5900 Executive Boulevard, No. Bethesda will be closed for their annual cleaning and maintenance Monday, August 22 through Monday, September 5.

During this time, Montgomery County Recreation's seven outdoor pools will be open daily through September 5. For locations and hours of operation, please visit our [outdoor pools page](#). Early bird lap swimming will be available Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. at the Germantown, MLK and Bethesda Outdoor Pools during the indoor pool closures. For more information, visit [our aquatics page](#) or contact the Aquatics Team at 240-777-6860.

We're Still Looking for Your Ideas Concerning New Clarksburg-Area Facility

Montgomery County's Recreation Department is still looking for your ideas and comments regarding the new regional center that is planned for the Clarksburg-area that will feature aquatic, community recreation and senior programs. Please help us define the recreation and leisure needs of this community by completing a short survey. **The survey should take less than five minutes to complete and will be available until August 25, 2016.**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5W5VR98>

Additional information regarding the project and notes from the July 12 community forum can be found on the Department of General Services' website at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DGS-BDC/UMC/451502.html>

Montgomery County's Fire & Rescue Service presents the 2016-2022 Fire, Rescue, Emergency Medical Services and Community Risk Reduction Master Plan

Visit FRS' website at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcfrs

Review the plan at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/MCFRS/MasterPlan2015/MasterPlan.html>

SUMMER IS NOT OVER!

This is a reminder to residents to rid your yards of potential mosquito breeding sites. Whether it's as potential carriers of the West Nile Virus or the Zika Virus or just because they are a nuisance, the tips on this checklist are a good reminder.

Please share with your families, friends and neighbors. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mosquito for more information.

New Immunization Requirements for Students Entering 7th Grade; Free Immunizations Offered in August and September

Montgomery County Health and Human Services staff will provide free Tdap and MCV4 vaccinations to incoming seventh-grade students at several locations throughout the County beginning in late August. Eighth and ninth grade students entering a Maryland school for the first time should also receive the vaccinations in order to comply with the requirements. No appointment is necessary. A parent or designated adult must be present. Please bring a copy of the child's immunization record to the clinic.

Clinics that will be held in the Upcounty (northern region of the county):

Saturday, August 27th; 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Germantown Health Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

Tuesday, September 13th; 4 -7 p.m.

Clemente Middle School
18808 Waring Station Road, Germantown

Wednesday, September 14; 4 – 7 p.m.

Gaithersburg Middle School
2 Teacher's Way, Gaithersburg

Thursday, September 15; 4 – 7 p.m.

Rocky Hill Middle School
22401 Brick Haven Way, Clarksburg

For a complete listing of locations around the county and clinic schedules, go to

http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=16278

In addition, there are four locations that will offer expanded hours for their regularly scheduled immunization clinics.

For more information on immunizations, call the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services' Immunization Program at 240-777-1050 or School Health Services at 240-777-1550.



For more information about the upcoming performance season, artists' gallery shows, and classes at BlackRock Center for the Arts, visit www.blackrockcenter.org !

Want to Go Solar?
**Join the Montgomery County Solar Co-op
Information Sessions**

**Thursday, September 8 7:00pm
Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center (Meeting Room D)
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown
and
Wednesday, September 14
Casey Community Center
810 South Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg**

Neighbors in Montgomery County can join a solar co-op to save money and make going solar easier while building a network of solar supporters. The local nonprofit, MD SUN, has helped homeowners organize over a dozen solar co-ops in Maryland in the last two years. Save up to 20% off the cost of going solar. Get help from the co-op throughout the process. System sizes vary and you can size to fit your budget.

To learn more and register for an information session, visit www.mdsun.org/montgomery
Questions? Email solarteam@mdsun.org or call 240-334-7720

The Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection is interested offering the best programming for you and your community. Help us by taking this brief survey [by September 30!](#) [DEP Energy Survey](#)

This program is co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection and MD SUN.

Montgomery County Nearly Doubles Solar Power Commitment

Montgomery County will surpass its commitment to install 6 megawatts of solar power on County facilities by adding a new, large-scale project at the former Oaks Landfill in Laytonsville. The Departments of Environmental Protection (DEP) and General Services (DGS), signed a contract, August 4, to add an additional 5 megawatts of solar power, expected to nearly double the amount of clean energy generated on County property. Read more at http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=16272



Apply today for the Montgomery County Community Action Board's Leadership Development Institute!

This training program will provide you with the opportunity to learn basic advocacy skills along with hands-on opportunities to utilize those skills to advocate for important issues in your community. Applicants must be Montgomery County residents earning \$54,000 or less. Childcare reimbursement and meals will be provided for all sessions.

To apply online, click [HERE](#) or visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/communityaction
Click [HERE](#) to download the application

Applications are due September 9!

For more information or to request special accommodations, please call 240-777-1697.



Reminder!

Annual Farm to Table Dinner
Saturday, September 17 4:00pm-9:30pm
Maryland Meadows Farm
26809 Purdum Road, Damascus
(Handicap Entrance use 26633 Purdum Road)

Ticket sales are limited! For details, email mcfarmbureausecretary@gmail.com or visit http://montgomery.mdfarmbureau.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2013/06/FarmToTable2016_MontgomeryWebPage.pdf

Celebrate local foods with your Montgomery County Farm Bureau!

Montgomery County's PEG community cable TV stations begin broadcasting in HD on Oct. 1
Starting on Oct. 1, HD television broadcasts of County's community stations will be available on Comcast and RCN http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=16277

How has your SafeTrack experience been? Take our short survey to let us know.

Since the start of August, the Red Line in Montgomery County has experienced two SafeTrack Surges, both of which have brought continuous single-tracking and reduced train service to our area.

As we begin to evaluate our supplemental service efforts during the surges, we would like to hear about your commuting/travel experience during SafeTrack. We would appreciate if you could take a minute or two to fill out our quick, five-question SafeTrack survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YFGSVWW>. Your feedback will help us to plan better in the future and understand our riders' needs.

Thank you for your time and your cooperation during SafeTrack! Keep Up with Ride On!

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Follow us on Twitter: www.Twitter.com/RideOnMCT

Watch us on YouTube: www.YouTube.com/c/RideOnMCT

Sign Up for Text Alerts: Text MONTGOMERY RIDEON to 468311



Montgomery County's Collaboration Council for Children, Youth and Families Announces YPQA Workshops in September and October

The workshops are free to youth development practitioners and individuals who work in and for organizations operating programs that serve youth in Montgomery County, Maryland. All other practitioners whose programs operate outside of Montgomery County, are welcomed to attend as well, however there is a \$25 fee for each workshop. This fee covers the cost of materials and refreshments. [For a description of each workshop click here.](#)

For registration information, contact the Collaboration Council at 301-610-0147 or info@collaborationcouncil.org

For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news>

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>